NEWS ADVISORY

The Illinois Commerce Commission will hold a Public Forum in the Consumers Illinois Water Company rate case on October 29 at 7 p.m. at the Village of Bourbonnais, first floor Community Room, 700 Main Street N.W.

The forum is for the purpose of receiving public comment concerning the general increase in water rates for the Kankakee Water Division proposed by Consumers Illinois Water Company. ICC Public Forum Officer Robert Bensko will conduct the hearing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other applicable federal and state laws, the public forum will be accessible to individuals with disabilities. Persons requiring auxiliary aids and services should contact the Chief Clerk, preferably no later than five days before the public forum.

The Chief Clerk may be contacted either by letter at 527 E. Capitol Avenue, Springfield, IL 62701, or by telephone at 217/782-7434. The Chief Clerk's office is equipped with a text telephone (TDD) that may also be reached by dialing 217/782-7434. In addition, persons using a text telephone have the option of calling via the Illinois Relay Center by dialing 800/526-0844.

On May 21, Consumers Illinois Water Company filed for a 24 percent general increase in water rates for the Kankakee Water Division. The Commission will make a decision in the case by April 2004.

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